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To: All District Managers and Field Office Managers in Coeur d'Alene, Cottonwood, Salmon, Challis, Idaho Falls, Jarbidge, Four Rivers, and Missoula

From: State Director

Subject: Interagency Implementation Team (IIT) Implementation Monitoring for FY 2004

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Program Area: 1150 Threatened and Endangered Species, 1120 Fisheries

Purpose: Training announcement and direction for implementing FY-04 IIT monitoring

Policy/Action: This explains the Interagency Implementation Team's Monitoring Program requirements for 2004. Grazing is the only element of the module that is required to be centrally reported in FY-2004. Field managers can continue using the monitoring module for other activities as appropriate, to meet local monitoring requirements, to reduce redundancy, maintain consistency, and assess trends over time. Field Managers and field unit Monitoring Coordinators should contact Tim Burton in the State Office (931) with questions, or for orientation and training needs. A more formal training program to orient field managers and to update field practitioners in recent advances in the range monitoring component is anticipated to occur next year.

Compliance/Non-compliance Feedback: The monitoring program was developed to provide field unit line officers with a mechanism for implementing the monitoring requirements of PACFISH, INFISH, and the 1998 Biological Opinions for salmon, steelhead, and bull trout. Line officers are accountable to assure that actions they take are consistent with these requirements. Accordingly, managers should receive and act upon the results of implementation monitoring. The monitoring module contains a "Non-compliance" questionnaire and report, which you can use to evaluate the need to modify or refine management actions. In addition, the module contains a "Local" questionnaire with comment fields that can be used to track and report monitoring results based upon local monitoring requirements of land use plans and/or National

Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) decisions resulting from local Endangered Species Act (ESA) consultations.

Sampling and Reporting for 2004: The sample scheme for 2004 is as follows.

Field units will use the IIT Implementation Monitoring Module for all authorized livestock grazing activities that have already been started on-the-ground or that have been completed during the current year and fall within, AT LEAST the following sample set:

- 1) All grazing activities within the 6th field Hydraulic Unit Codes (HUCs) selected for monitoring by the Effectiveness Monitoring (EM) Team. The EM Team's 6th field HUCs can be found at the IIT Monitoring website:

http://www.fs.fed.us/rm/boise/teams/fisheries/pac_infish/2004_em_hucs.htm

- 2) All prior-year's non-compliance activities in the grazing program.
- 3) Other Grazing activities:
 - a. At least 20 percent of Module Category I pasture use areas per year, based on field unit priorities with input from the Level 1 Team
 - i. Field unit decides where to focus, although every Module Category I pasture use area must be sampled at least once within the life of the 10-year grazing permit.
 - b. Any local implementation monitoring requirements for livestock grazing about which local ESA consultation requires reporting through the IIT Implementation Monitoring database.

The 20 percent sample of Category I pasture use areas, identified in 3.a. may be inclusive of, samples collected for items: 1) pastures in the EM Team's 6th Field HUCs, 2) all prior-years non-compliance activities in the grazing program, and 3) b. any local implementation monitoring requirements for grazing about which local ESA consultation requires reporting through the IIT Implementation Monitoring database.

Field units are also encouraged to use the IIT Implementation Monitoring database to record and report all stream/riparian-related implementation monitoring requirements. It has been designed to accommodate requirements other than PACFISH or INFISH standards.

Training: A formal training program is under development, and will include a general session for managers and staff, with a field component on monitoring livestock grazing. Training will be conducted across the PACFISH and INFISH area, and will probably occur next year. In the meantime, field units are encouraged to address any questions or training needs to the Monitoring Core Team member, Tim Burton. Additional training presentations, the Implementation Monitoring database and manual, and the monitoring support documents, including protocols, are all contained on the IIT Monitoring WEB page at:

http://www.fs.fed.us/rm/boise/teams/fisheries/pac_infish/pac_infishhome.htm

A POWERPOINT presentation has been prepared to help address inconsistencies between field units and questions that have recently been raised (Attachment 2). The POWERPOINT presentation describes how to select designated monitoring areas (DMAs), how to enter and report data in the database system, and basics on the IIT monitoring program. This is designed to fine-tune current understanding of the program, but any DMA changes should not be made until more detailed field training has been received by the field unit.

As in previous years, the Implementation Monitoring Program will rely on coordination between the Implementation Monitoring Task Team members and Field Unit Coordinators. Field Unit Coordinators are the local point of contact for those aspects of the monitoring program, including training, which are not activity-specific. The Regional or State counterparts, members of the Implementation Monitoring Task team, and Field Unit Coordinators are listed in Attachment 1.

Timeframe: Data should be entered into the IIT Implementation Monitoring Database by December 1, 2004, with submission of the files to the central location by **December 15, 2004**.

Manual/Handbook Sections Affected: No manual/handbook sections are affected.

Coordination: This IM has been coordinated with members of the IIT Monitoring Task Team.

Contact: If you have questions about the Module and its implementation in 2004, or if your Field Unit Coordinator or his/her phone number has changed, please contact Tim Burton at (208) 373-3819.

Lower Snake River District with Union: No Union notification or negotiation is required.

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Attachments

- 1 - Implementation monitoring Contacts (1p.)
- 2 – PowerPoint Presentation

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Attachment. Implementation monitoring contacts

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